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For: ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN AUXILIARY INCENTIVE GAME

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 9, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 22-43:

--22. (Newly added) A method for a plurality of players to play an auxiliary game in conjunction with playing a card game with a plurality of cards, the card game including bonus events, and the auxiliary game including a plurality of successive tiers of bonus levels, at least one from the plurality of successive tiers of bonus levels being a prize level, each of the plurality of players having a player bonus level, the player bonus level being selected from the plurality of successive tiers of bonus levels, the method comprising:

initiating play of the card game;